

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A fluid dispensing device for spraying a fluid into a body cavity comprising a housing, a nozzle at an upper end of the device for insertion into a body cavity, a fluid discharge device moveably housed within the housing, the fluid discharge device having a longitudinal axis and comprising a container containing a fluid medicament formulation to be dispensed and a compression pump having a suction inlet located within the container and a discharge tube extending along the longitudinal axis for transferring fluid from the compression pump to the nozzle, and at least one finger-operable lever means pivotally supported at a lower end thereof on the housing so as to be pivotable moveable into the housing, transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the fluid discharge device, from a rest position to an actuated position to apply a force to an actuating member connected to a neck of the container to move the container upwards along the longitudinal axis towards the nozzle so as to actuate the compression pump, wherein a pre-load means is formed between the at least one finger operable lever and the actuating member provided to prevent pivoting of the at least one finger-operable lever from the rest position to the actuated position for actuation of the compression pump until a pre-determined force is applied to the finger-operable means at least one finger-operable lever, wherein the actuating member and the at least one finger-operable lever have surfaces which slidably interact when the at least one finger-operable lever pivots from the rest position to the actuated position to move the container upwards along the longitudinal axis, wherein the pre-load is formed by one of the surfaces having a dual-gradient profile comprising first and second surface portions on which the other surface successively slides as the at least one finger-operable lever pivots from the rest position to the actuated position, wherein the first and second surface portions of the dual-gradient profile are respectively a concave, high gradient surface portion and a convex, low gradient surface portion such that the at least one finger-operable lever is not able to transfer any significant force to the container along the longitudinal axis until the predetermined force is applied to the at least one finger-operable lever, and wherein said fluid medicament formulation has a viscosity of from 10 to 2000 mPa.s at 25°C.

2 – 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 5 1, in which there are two opposing finger-operable levers, each of which is pivotally supported near a lower end of the housing and is arranged to act upon the actuating means member so as to urge the container towards the nozzle when the two finger-operable levers are squeezed together by a user.

7 – 32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1 32, wherein the first and second surface portions ~~high and low gradient profiles~~ both have part-circle forms.

34 – 46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said fluid medicament formulation has a viscosity of from 20 to 1000 mPa.s, ~~preferably from 50 to 1000 mPa.s~~ at 25°C.

48. (Original) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 47, wherein said fluid medicament formulation is in the form of a solution formulation.

49. (Original) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 47, wherein said fluid medicament formulation is in the form of a suspension formulation comprising a suspension of active medicament particles in an inert suspending formulation.

50. (Previously Presented) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 47, wherein the fluid medicament formulation comprises an anti-inflammatory medicament compound.

51. (Original) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 50, wherein said medicament compound is a glucocorticoid compound.

52. (Original) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 51, wherein said glucocorticoid compound is selected from the group consisting of 6 α , 9 α -Difluoro-17 α -(1-oxopropoxy)-11 β -hydroxy-16 α -methyl-3-oxo-androsta-1,4-diene-17 β -carbothioic acid S-fluoromethyl ester; 6 α , 9 α -difluoro-17 α -[(2-furanylcarbonyl)oxy]-11 β -hydroxy-16 α -methyl-3-oxo-androsta-1,4-diene-17 β -carbothioic acid S-fluoromethyl ester; and 6 α ,9 α -Difluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α -methyl-17 α -[(4-methyl-1,3-thiazole-5-carbonyl)oxy]-3-oxo-androsta-1,4-diene-17 β -carbothioic acid S-fluoromethyl ester.

53. (Original) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 50, wherein said medicament compound is selected from the group consisting of PDE4 inhibitors, leukotriene antagonists, iNOS inhibitors, tryptase and elastase inhibitors, beta-2 integrin antagonists and adenosine 2a agonists.

54. (Currently Amended) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1, in the form of a Kit Kit of parts comprising

(a) a housing assembly for reversible receipt of a fluid discharge device for spraying a fluid into a body cavity, said fluid discharge device having a longitudinal axis and comprising a container for containing a medicament suspension formulation to be dispensed and a compression pump having a suction inlet located within the container and a discharge tube extending along the longitudinal axis for transferring fluid from the pump to the nozzle, the housing assembly comprising a housing, a nozzle for insertion into a body cavity and finger operable means moveable with respect to the longitudinal axis of the fluid discharge device to apply a force to the container to move the container along the longitudinal axis towards the nozzle so as to actuate the compression pump wherein a pre-load means is provided to prevent actuation of the compression pump until a pre-determined force is applied to the finger operable means; and
(b) a fluid discharge device having a longitudinal axis and comprising a container containing a fluid medicament formulation to be dispensed and a compression pump having a suction inlet located within the container and a discharge tube extending along the longitudinal axis for transferring fluid from the pump to the nozzle, wherein said fluid medicament formulation has a viscosity of from 10 to 2000 mPa.s.

55. (Cancelled)

56. (New) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein there is a smooth break point between the first and second surface portions.

57. (New) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first surface portion is inclined at a lesser angle to the longitudinal axis than the second surface portion.

58. (New) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the actuating member has the dual-gradient profile.

59. (New) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one lever has the dual-gradient profile.

60. (New) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1 configured as a nasal inhaler.

61. (New) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one finger-operable lever is repeatedly movable between the rest and actuated positions for repeated actuation of the compression pump.

62. (New) A fluid dispensing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said fluid medicament formulation has a viscosity of from 50 to 1000 mPa.s at 25°C.